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Dear Mr Weisberg,

I doubt you'll remember me, but I first heard of you when I was at New York University. It was 1974 or 1975 when my room mate and I attended a symposium on the JFK assassination. You were unable to attend due to illness, but Jim Lesar read your speech. It was the one speech that intrigued me. I had always been interested in the events of November 1963, but until I sent for the Whitewash series and later Post-Mortem I never realized the extent of the cover-up. Most of the other books tried to speculate on who killed the President. Many of those books, which continue to be published, don't deal in fact and yours did. Beyond that I came to admire your drive, your stick-it-to-itiveness. Other critics were around when it was profitable and then got out. Just recently on a talk show here in L.A. I heard Josiah Thompson speaking about a new book. When any caller asked questions about Six Seconds In Dallas, he refused to talk about the subject. That time is past and I want to get on with my life he said.

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My name is Robert Bruce and for a while I wrote to you and sent you clippings from various newspapers (at the time the now defunct Tattler was putting out specials on the JFK/RFK and King assassinations). A lot has happened since then. My roommate at college Jerry Kay and I met you when you spoke at Hunter college in New York. He went on to become an attorney. Last year he got cancer and died this past April. I came out to Los Angeles to write comedy. I have been fortunate in my endeavors. I am currently a co-producer on "The Golden Girls" (although those days I spend more time with a picket sign in my hand than a pencil).

Throughout all this I have not lost interest in the JFK assassination. In fact, as time rolls on I become more angered. I have gone back to reread your books a number of times. I have watched all the Congressional investigations and seen them come to the same conclusions as the Warren Commission. Even when the Assassinations Committee was forced to admit

conspiracies, they downplayed it. They said Oswald fired the fatal shot, so it's insignificant that the second gunman got away. I have seen the L.A. Police Department release documents from RFK's assassination and like all of these investigations, evidence has been tampered with, destroyed or manipulated to fit the official story. And perhaps the saddest thing is that the public doesn't care anymore. Sure, they discount the official stories of the assassination, but we're way past the point of calling for a new investigation. Even if the Justice Department acted on the evidence turned over to them by the Assassinations Committee, could we expect them to truly investigate? I don't need to answer that. The public has become indifferent to these scandals and cover-ups because we now know it's business as usual. It's only natural that we distrust the government. Who is shocked by the indictments or investigations of the Reagan administration anymore? At first the climate of Watergate seemed to make people want to know more about the government. They wanted an accounting of what was going on. Part of that was the press and their

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dislike of Nixon. Then the scandals continued. But under Reagan, who the press liked, the President became made of teflon. But that's only because the press chose to make him teflon. Anyway, all my ranting and raving won't change that.

I've thought about writing to you a number of times the past few years, but haven't for one reason or another. A friend of mine gave me a book called, "Contract on America" The Mafia Killing of JFK by David Scheim for my birthday and reading it made me think of you. I wondered if you had read it and what you thought of it. I also wondered if you are still writing. I assume you are still involved in [redacted] filing for withheld evidence under the Freedom of Information Act. And I was just curious in general what you have been doing and what your thoughts and feeling are 25 years after the assassination. [redacted] Is there any reason to hope the public will find out the truth? I guess the truth will trickle out rather than come out in one revelation. But the press ignores it.

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I mean, despite the joke of the Congressional Committee, some truths were revealed. I guess we have to take the truth however we can get it.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to let you know there are people who still care. I have admired you since your speech was read at NYU. Your books only convinced me I was correct. What you have done is very special and few people would take on this task given the expense on a personal and financial level. I know your time for answering letters is at a minimum, but I would really like to hear from you and know what you are up to. I wish you the best.

Sincerely,

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